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WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL TROUT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – The total value of fish sold for 2015 was 1.05 million dollars. In 2014, the commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sold of 1.23 million dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2015 totaled 550,000 fish, up from 420,000 fish in 2014. The average price per pound was \$2.12, down from \$2.25 per pound in 2014. The value of sales for the 2015 marketing year was 984 thousand dollars, down from 1.17 million dollars in 2014. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

The number of **distributed trout** during 2015 totaled 900,000 6"- 12" fish, comparison data not available. The average value per pound was \$3.34, comparison data not available. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 1.8 million dollars, comparison data not available. Other size categories are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Trout losses in 2015 totaled 33,000 pounds, up from the 2014 total of 20,000 pounds. The number of trout lost in 2015 totaled 65,000 fish, down from the 2014 total of 92,000 fish.

United States – The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 104 million dollars for 2015, an increase of 1 percent from 2014. Idaho accounted for 47 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2015 totaled 45.4 million fish, down 6 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.66, up 5 percent from 2014. The value of sales for the 2015 marketing year was 96.4 million dollars, up 1 percent from 2014. For trout 12 inches or longer, 58 percent were sold to processors.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2015 totaled 4.90 million fish, a decrease of 5 percent from 2014. The average price per pound was \$3.50 during 2015, up 6 percent from the 2014 price. The total value of sales was 6.42 million dollars during 2015, a 10 percent increase from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 48 percent of total sales, followed by government agencies with 22 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2015 totaled 8.47 million, an increase of 1 percent from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$181 during 2015, down from \$194 in 2014. The total value of sales was 1.53 million dollars, down 5 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, enhancement, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 7.32 million 12" or longer fish, 67.0 million 6"- 12" fish, and 58.7 million 1"- 6" fish. The estimated value of fish distributed totaled 118 million dollars, up 5 percent from 2014.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 28.3 million fish during 2015. Disease accounted for 90 percent of these losses.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2014-2015

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Thousand Dollars								
AR**								
CA	4,697	5,056	*	*	*	*	4,990	5,390
CO	1,495	1,770	*	*	*	*	1,666	2,045
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*	455	483
ID	52,750	48,875	*	*	*	*	53,118	49,362
MI	458	*	*	*	*	*	619	1,347
MO	1,686	1,818	460	*	104	*	2,250	2,518
NY	*	*	170	194	*	*	631	636
NC	6,885	7,807	*	*	*	*	7,888	8,469
OR	*	*	*	376	17	*	*	*
PA	4,408	5,156	1,045	906	118	60	5,571	6,122
UT	531	444	*	*	*	*	604	630
VA	1,213	1,435	*	*	*	*	1,481	1,610
WA	*	*	1,208	1,779	*	*	*	*
WV	1,166	984	*	*	*	*	1,233	1,052
WI	1,394	1,399	138	*	5	*	1,537	1,462
Other States ¹	19,058	21,693	2,837	3,167	1,373	1,474	21,173	23,267
United States	95,741	96,437	5,858	6,422	1,617	1,534	103,216	104,393
¹ Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ** Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales.								